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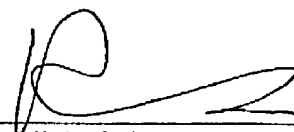
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PATENT  
123-317

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Eldon Roth

Serial No.: 09/924,034

Filed: August 7, 2001

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
MIXING MEAT PRODUCTS TO  
PRODUCE A pH ADJUSTED  
MEAT PRODUCT

Group Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: Drew E. Becker

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2003, in the above-identified application, and is filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action.

Please amend the application as follows: